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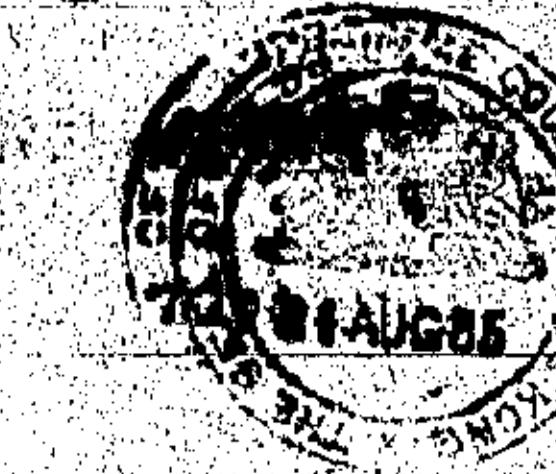
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1885.

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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

London: F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Corridor. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. O. BATES & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. HENDY & CO., 21, Park Row. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250, at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

REGISTERED OFFICE, 40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:

In India, China, Japan, and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANCE TERMS, viz.: 75 per Cent. ex 1st Dividend equal to 87 per Cent. for whole claim.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,400,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS.....\$4,400,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-FITORS.....\$7,500,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASQUIN, Deputy Chairman—A. MOYER, Esq.

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LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG:

INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

" " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTS:

Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Credits granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

HONGKONG PHARMACY

26, LYNCHFIELD TERRACE.

WOODFORD & CO.

H. B. WOODFORD,

Medical Practitioner,

93, LYNCHFIELD TERRACE.

Hongkong, July 10, 1885. 1138

Intimations.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
HAVE RECEIVED A NEW SUPPLY OF

SUMMER GOODS

IN THEIR OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT,

Consisting of—

GENTLEMEN'S UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS in every variety of Material

suitable for hot climates.

LANW TENNIS SHIRTS thoroughly shrunk.

THE ASCOT SUMMER WASHING SCARF.

Washing SILK SCARVES and TIES, in new shapes.

" FERAT, LATHER-FEET, and STRAW HATS.

The "FORBES WATSON" Patent FELT SUN HELMET.

Calcutta, PICH SUN HATS and HELMETS.

Summer BOOTS and SHOES, TENNIS SHOES.

New SWIMMING COLLARS and BATHING DRAWERS.

French and Irish CLOTHING HANDKERCHIEFS.

Extra LONG-LOTH SHIRTS for Summer wear.

Extra THIN RAIN COATS, guaranteed WATERPROOF.

The "ACME" Patent WATERPROOF RAIN COAT.

The "CLIMAX" SILK UMBRELLA, wear guaranteed.

White COTTON SUN UMBRELLAS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have the largest Stock in Hongkong of GENTLEMEN'S HOSIERY and OUTFITTING of all kinds; their Selection is kept up by frequent perusal of all the Novelties as they appear in London.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

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Hongkong, June 25, 1885.

W. KESWICK.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESIGNED the MANAGEMENT of the Firm of A. A. DE MELLO & CO.

F. A. DA CRUZ.

Macao, 17th August, 1885. 1415

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters.

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL)

Hongkong, July 20, 1885.

NOTICE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENT

of

AUTUMN TWEEDS AND COATINGS

in all the

NEW MATERIALS.

Hongkong, July 20, 1885.

W. POWELL & Co.

EX STEAMSHIP TELEMACUS.

A SPLENDID PARCEL of HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS, consisting of—

The Patent Sanitary Wire Wove Mats.

TRICERS, all sizes.

FANCY MIRRORS.

STRONGS, all sizes.

TOWELS and TOWELLING.

WOMEN and COLOURED TABLE CLOTHS.

TABLE NAPKINS, all sizes.

FURNISHING GIMP and FRINGE.

Ladies' SILK GLOVES, every shade and length.

RIBBONS in all colours and widths.

Cheap UMBRELLAS and PARASOLS.

Shaded OREWEL SILK and WOOL.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August current, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 4, 1885. 1331

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on SATURDAY, the 27th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th August to 11th September, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 19, 1885. 1421

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. C. HURLEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1414

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Company's S.S. CANARIS having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undernamed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1404

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

THE CHINA MAIL.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
ARE NOW LANDING
D'EOVE'S NONPARÉL KEROSINE
OIL.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

COOKING STOVES.
AGATE IRON WARE.
WAFFLE IRONS.
CASH and PAPER BOXES.
KEROSINE STUDY LAMPS.

CORNMEAL HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT. Cranberry SAUCE.
Stuffed PEPPERS. MACKEREL.
American HAMS and BACON.
Primo YORK HAMS.

WINES, &c.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.
1833 GRAVES,
BREAKFAST CLARET,

SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON.
TILLADO.

SACONE'S OLD-INVALID PORT.
HUNT'S PORT.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
COVYNSHIRE BRANDY.
OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
BUCK'S OLD IRISH WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

BOOD'S OLD TOM GIN.

JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKY.

MARSALA.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

&c., &c., &c.

TEA.

EXTRA CHOICEST NEW SEASONS
SOUCHONG,

in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.

OILMAN'S STORES,
at the lowest possible prices

FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1100

FOR SALE.

A STEAM LAUNCH,
55 feet long, 11 feet 9 inches beam,
very light draught.
For further particulars, apply to
A. GORDON & Co.,
Bourtonton Roway,
East Point.
Hongkong, August 14, 1885. 1395

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentleman, can now
be had at the Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR HAMBURG (DIRECT).

The Deparment of the
Co.'s Steamship
for HAMBURG (direct),
is POSTPONED till SUNDAY, the 23rd
Instant; taking cargo at the rate of 32/6,
and for HAVEN, BREMEN and ANTWERP,
at 40/-.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Agents.
Hongkong, August 21, 1885. 1432

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking cargo & Passengers at through routes
for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on the
YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Chartered
Steamship
Lido,
Captain LERZEC, will be
despatched as above TO-MORROW,
22nd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 21, 1885. 1433

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Hawerton,
PETERS, Commander, will be
despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 24th Instant,
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1885. 1436

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN VIA SWATOW.

The Co.'s Chartered
Steamship
Dove,
Captain ZEMLER, will be
despatched as above on or about the 27th
Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 21, 1885. 1434

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND
HAMBURG VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Cassandra,

Captain FÖRCK, will be
despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd Instant, at
11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMENS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1885. 1435

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ADAM W. SPES, American barque, Capt.
A. D. Field.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ANNIE H. SMITH, American ship, Capt.
R. B. Brown.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

B. H. STEENKEN, German brig, Captain
Chr. Meyer.—Melscher & Co.

EDWARD MAY, American barque, Capt.
C. A. Johnson.—Russell & Co.

ERIC RHEED, American barque, Capt. A.
T. Whittier.—Russell & Co.

FRANK PENDLETON, American ship, Capt.
E. P. Nishole.—Order.

HAROLDINE, American 4-masted schooner,
Captain Tibbets.—Order.

HIGHLANDER, American ship, Capt. N. A.
Bachelder.—Russell & Co.

PENROD, American barque, Capt. P. L.
Chapman.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 20, 1885.—

Deutsch, German steamer, 1,107, A. E.
Lüthens, Nagasaki August 16, General.—
H. J. H. Tripp.

Amiti, British barque, 519, Babakot,
Bangkok, August 7, Teak Timber.—
SIEMENS & Co.

August 21.—

Cleveden, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Galloway, British steamer, 1,301, W.
Chater, Saigon August 16, Rice & General
—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Cassandra, German steamer, 1,007, T.
Fock, Yokohama August 8, and Kobe 14,
General.—SIEMENS & Co.

Douglas, British steamer, 932, M. Young,
Fochow August 15, Amy 13, and Swatow
20, General.—DOUGLAS STEENKEN Co.

Gisland, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Alis Rose, Honolulu brig, 340, G. B.
Holland, put back (leaking), August 19,
General.—WILDER & Co.

August 20.—

Galaxy, British steamer, 1,111, W. F.
Coborn, Bombay and Singapore August
14, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

August 21.—

Orestes, of Shanghai.

Perseus, for Haiphong.

Exposition, for Bangkok.

Gaudron, for Singapore and New York.

Katsura, for Shangha.

Tanaka, for Yokohama.

Yonsei, for Shanghai.

OLARNO.

Oxfordshire, for Yokohama.

Maris, for Shanghai.

Tritius, for Bangkok.

Taichow, for Swatow and Bangkok.

George E. Mason, for San Francisco.

Serapis, for Swatow and Amoy.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Hamburg.	Stentor (s).	Büttner & Swire.		August 23.
Havre, &c., via Suez Canal.	Cassandra (s).	Siemens & Co.		August 22, at 11 a.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Bellerophon (s).	Freeman.		August 22.
London, via Suez Canal.	Glenfinlas (s).	Butterfield & Swire.		August 22.
London, &c., via Suez Canal.	Nepul (s).	Jacobs.		August 26.
Loulou, via Suez Canal.	Chingwo (s).	Alderton.		August 27, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.	Kashgar (s).	MacLough.		August 27.
New York, via Suez Canal.	Haverton (s).	Peters.		August 24, at 4 p.m.
Penobscot.	Chippian.	Russell & Co.		August 22, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	San Pablo (s).	Raymond.		August 22, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco.	Marques of Lorne.	Russell & Co.		August 22, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai.	Lido (s).	Leitch.		August 22, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Chi-yuhs (s).	McCaslin.		August 22, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Verona (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.		August 22, at 4 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok.	Taichow (s).	James Jordan.		August 22, at 8 a.m.
Sydney and Melbourne, &c.	Catterthun (s).	Westby.		August 22, at 3 p.m.
Tientsin, via Swatow.	Doris (s).	Crang.		August 22, at noon.
Trieste, &c.	Modusa (s).	Zerrahn.		August 22, at noon.
Yokohama.	Glamorganshire (s).	D. Williams.		August 22, at noon.

PASSENGERS.

For Deutz, from Nagasaki; Mr. H. B.
Büttner, 9 Japanese, and 2 Chinese.
For Galveston, from Saigon, 6 Chinese.
For Yokohama, from Yokohama; for
Hengchow, Mr. Ernst Behre; for Hamburg,
Mrs. Thomas and infant.

For Douglas, from Coast Ports, Messrs

A. Turner, H. Coombs and R. P. Dippe,

and 2 Chinese sailor, 1 European deck, and
183 Chinese.

For Adams, from Singapore, &c., 310

Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Taicow, for Townsville, Messrs R.

W. Stuart and H. Poole, Mr. Syden-

ham, Mr. W. M. Burton, Miss Routh, Messrs

Nicola Green, R. McKinnon and A. Guide-

son; for Melbourne, Mrs. Lawson and Mr.

J. Fraser.

Per Elsa, for Haiphong, 10 Chinese.

Per Vezo, for Bangkok, 10 Chinese.

Per Ginevra, for Singapore, &c., 20

Chinese.

Per Yangtze, for Shanghai; from Hong-

kon, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Smith, and 1

Chinese; from Manila, Mr. Trollope, and

M. B. Trollope.

Per Tanaka, for Yokohama; from Mar-

silia, Messrs Itatebashi, Hashiguchi and

W. T. Blance.

TO DEPART.

Per Tritius, for Bangkok; 1 Chinese.

Per Taichow, for Sw

THE CHINA MAIL

No. 6585.—AUGUST 21, 1885.]

This was conceded, and a great exodus of the Faithful of Islam is now going on. Week after week troops of Chinese Mahomedans, with their household goods, emigrate to Russia's territory in order to find there the peace and security which are denied them under Chinese rule.

The *Madras Mail* protests warmly against Lord Wolseley's appointment as the next Commander-in-Chief in India. "Lord Wolseley does not only want India, but India does not want Lord Wolseley. He has had the cream of good military things for several years, and his ganz has come in for their share of his unexampled good fortune. It would be preposterous to let him do not stop the way in India, and we do not believe that either Lord Salisbury or Mr Gladstone will care to ignore the claims of General Hardinge and Sir Frederick Roberts when Sir Donald Sturges retires. General Hardinge, the Commander-in-Chief of Bombay, is senior officer by seven years to Sir Frederick Roberts, and as he is honoured with the Queen's personal friendship, we do not expect that he will be passed over by our so-called 'only General' or even by our own popular Chief. Sir Frederick Roberts will probably remain in Madras until General Wolseley resigns the Military Membership of the Viceroy's Council, to which His Excellency will, perhaps, succeed, and thus remain in India, placing his untried frontier experience at the command of the Government, until such time as General Hardinge vacates the chief command.

In Madras sanction has been given to the poisoning of stray dogs. Colonel T. K. Gutkin, the Commissioner of Police, writing to allay the apprehensions caused by the announcement, explains the *modus operandi*:— "It may calm the feelings of owners of dogs generally if you give publicity to the method laid down by us for the destruction of stray dogs by poison. An intelligent constable is provided with a number of meat balls, each containing 14 grains of strichloroform. On coming upon a stray dog, the man makes a hole in a ball and empties one grain into it, places the hole, and casts the meat ball before the dog. Should the dog eat the ball, it is picked up again by the constable, to be administered to the next dog. The public will see there is no danger in this to them or their children; and the system has been in practice for many years in Bombay without any evil results. It has the recommendation of being cheaper and more merciful, while less disgusting, than the clubbing of dogs to death; while, I venture to think, the owners of dogs will find their pets safer in our hands than in those of the professional dog-killers hitherto employed.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR. That people are saying, "Well done, Committee of the Chamber of Commerce!"

That the Supreme Court Judges have done the right thing at the Criminal Sessions, and have earned the thanks of the community.

That the shade of Macadam has been seen weeping over portions of the Queen's Road and the Praya.

That it is not the fault of the Surveyor General, who has done yeoman's service for our roads; but that it is a case of empty money bags.

That if Fan-tan cannot be suppressed, it had better be taxed and safeguarded, so that it may be made a source of partial good to the Colony, instead of an unmitigated evil as it is now.

That the *Exeter Hall* will not approve, but that the philanthropic school possesses but scant knowledge of the problem that demands solution.

That we in Hongkong demand to be governed by practical common sense, not by silly sentiment.

That Lord Salisbury has not overlooked the existence of our 'Mails' and 'Gibraltar' of the East; and that we are to be defended after all,—more power to the Lord of Hatfield! But

That a voice from the clouds was heard humming over 'Some Day.'

That if the community desire to be on the safe side, it had better take steps to defend itself.

That the evil time will most likely come like a thief in the night.

That when it does come the pith and marrow of 'Auld Reekie' will be well to the front; and that we could rub along better with more of said pith in the Government-trunk.

That the Albert Medal should be given to the man who has tackled the 'Hongkong Ordinances.'

That visions of the Iron Horse in China have been seen by many interested people.

That China will be in need of cadets for her reformed army and navy long before the Victoria College or Military School is able to supply them.

That the building-area opened up by the New Road should be put up to public auction.

That the quarantine rules for Chinese junks have not yet been framed, principally because they can never be enforced.

That quarantine on foreign vessels must be enforced with all the greater severity, so as to keep up appearances.

That the Government Astronomer has fairly entered upon his manufacture of typhoons for the season.

That the Low Level Tramway Company is not dead, but is a sleeper.

That Hongkong has not given a cent towards a Memorial for 'Chinese Gordon,' but that the Gordon Boys' Home will be built notwithstanding.

That this community seldom does what it would very much like to do, because there is not much to lead it to action.

That the laying of the corner stone of the new Admiralty Dock ought to be attended with a ceremony worthy of this momentous undertaking.

That the Committee now sitting on the Police is like the sailors' parrot: "I don't say much, but it thinks a lot."

That a prize should be offered by the Government for the best kind of oil to pour upon the 'troubled waters' of official discord.

That 'strap oil' is sometimes used with benefit on naughty boys.

That this bitter physic is not palatable, a dose of personal government would be far better than repeated doses of No-government.

That the amateurish farce of Saturday last should be positively the final representation of the kind.

That Amoor Khan nearly electrified the Supreme Court the other day with his feeling and truthful remark about the Magistrate, and that the public think that the captured craft ought at once to be put right side up.

BROWNIE.

(From our Correspondent.)

FOOCHOW.

FOOCHOW, 17th August.

THE TEA SEASON.

Nearly two months have now elapsed since the opening of the Foochow tea-market and the first rush of business may be said to have slightly relaxed. The first two crops are exhausted and the third is now on the market. The amounts brought down from up-country this year are reported to show some diminution as compared with last season; but it is generally expected that the total exports for 1885 will not fall far below the figures of 1884. The supply will prove quite equal to the demand, if only common teas obtain fair prices in London, for a fourth, a fifth, and even a sixth crop would then be sent down. Excessive picking is bad for tea-plants; but, if the stories of trees tea or twelve feet high related by certain travellers last year are true, it would be a positive boon to the merchants were the growers to kill such abnormal plants by overpicking.

AMBERTS.

As the press of business lightens, Foochow once more turns to schemes of amusement. The Amateur Dramatic Company has been reorganized as the Foochow Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society. Over sixty members have been enrolled and it is said that the musical talent of the community is shortly to favour us with the first of a series of concerts. A Racquet Handicap has already commenced and will be promptly followed by a Lawn Tennis Handicap. The Recreation Ground is daily enlivened by intending competitors and the devotees of cricket, who look forward with impatience to the time when the decreasing heat will permit of matches being played. Meanwhile the weather continues warm and the storm that threatens Nantai every afternoon passes away without a downpour.

A SEVANTY'S REGISTRY WANTED.

Amongst the many institutions of Nan-tai, an office for the hiring of servants of good character and antecedents finds, unfortunately, no place. In many houses the comrade assures the men employed in the private house of the master; but this precaution is not always taken, and, even if it be the wonderful skill of the Chinese in pilfering or 'squeezing' finds full opportunity for exercise. A glaring case was detected the other day and, thanks to the public-spirited firmness of the thief's employer, strict justice is likely to be meted out with some severity to the delinquent, who, in the clutches of the mandarins and their underlings, will probably lose all his gains, ill-gotten or otherwise, besides suffering the punishment he deserves. An excessive fondness for umbrellas and other unconsidered trifles has likewise led to a change in the Club staff.

CAPTAIN LOW BUSH.

Captain Low Bush, whose discretion in promptly taking his ship out of the range of the French guns last August was not appreciated by the Peking Government, has reappeared in Foochow, on his way to Kalgan and the military postroad, I suppose. I hear that the Insurance Office concerned have presented him with a handsome gold chain in recognition of his exertions in the salvage of treasure from the ill-fated *Kuangtung* in December last. It is to be hoped that he will be allowed to accept and retain it, disgraced though he is.

RAISING OF THE KWANTUNG.

The *Kuangtung*, by the way, is not to be left at the bottom of the Minc without another effort to raise her. It is said that two of the pontoons, built by the Chinese to raise the battered relics of the Chinese fleet that 'sustained' at the bombardment, which are now lying near the Kimpai Fort, have been hired or purchased for the purpose. May the enterprise be as successful as the purchase!

OPENING OF THE MIN.

I hoped to have been able to announce to you by this time that the Chinese had raised the torpedoes and that Pagoda Anchorage was once more open to foreign shipping. The latest report, however, stated that not more than one-quarter have been lifted, at the enormous speed of two per cent. This statement seems to come from a trustworthy source: If it is really a fact that in fifteen days only two out of eight lines of torpedoes have been raised, the only conclusion possible to my mind is that there is either gross incompetence in the officer appointed for the purpose, or wilful delay on the part of the Chinese.

Frederick Jervis, a seaman belonging to the *B. S. Medina*, corroborated the complainant's statement, and was certain that the first defendant was the man who struck

Mr. W. POWELL & L. O. JONES, \$462.

Mr. Wotton appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant did not appear, and it was stated that he had gone to Canton.

Plaintiff said the amount was due on a promissory note, given in payment of goods received. The note was due on the 1st instant.

Judgment with costs given in favor of the plaintiff.

RAM CHIAO & MA TUNG WING, \$481.

Mr. Morris appeared for the plaintiff. Plaintiff is the sailor's parrot: "I don't say much, but it thinks a lot."

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That a prize should be offered by the

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benefit on naughty boys.

That this bitter physic is not palatable,

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That Amoor Khan nearly electrified the Supreme Court the other day with his

feeling and truthful remark about the Magistrate, and that the public think that the captured craft ought at once to be put right side up.

That the shade of Macadam has been seen weeping over portions of the Queen's Road and the Praya.

That it is not the fault of the Surveyor General, who has done yeoman's service for our roads; but that it is a case of empty money bags.

That if Fan-tan cannot be suppressed, it had better be taxed and safeguarded, so that it may be made a source of partial good to the Colony, instead of an unmitigated evil as it is now.

That the *Exeter Hall* will not approve, but that the philanthropic school possesses but scant knowledge of the problem that demands solution.

That Lord Salisbury has not overlooked the existence of our 'Mails' and 'Gibraltar' of the East; and that we are to be defended after all,—more power to the Lord of Hatfield! But

That a voice from the clouds was heard humming over 'Some Day.'

That if the community desire to be on the safe side, it had better take steps to defend itself.

That the evil time will most likely come like a thief in the night.

That when it does come the pith and marrow of 'Auld Reekie' will be well to the front; and that we could rub along better with more of said pith in the Government-trunk.

That the Albert Medal should be given to the man who has tackled the 'Hongkong Ordinances.'

That visions of the Iron Horse in China have been seen by many interested people.

That China will be in need of cadets for her reformed army and navy long before the Victoria College or Military School is able to supply them.

That the building-area opened up by the New Road should be put up to public auction.

That the quarantine rules for Chinese junks have not yet been framed, principally because they can never be enforced.

That quarantine on foreign vessels must be enforced with all the greater severity, so as to keep up appearances.

That the Government Astronomer has fairly entered upon his manufacture of typhoons for the season.

That the Low Level Tramway Company is not dead, but is a sleeper.

That Hongkong has not given a cent towards a Memorial for 'Chinese Gordon,' but that the Gordon Boys' Home will be built notwithstanding.

That this community seldom does what it would very much like to do, because there is not much to lead it to action.

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